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2017 Kodiak Subsistence News Release #02 Emergency Order #4-FS-K-SUB-02-17 Federal Subsistence Board Special Action 09-KS-02-17

Only 766 Chinook salmon have been counted through the Karluk River weir as of June 18. It is unlikely, based on the current rate of escapement, that the lower value (3,000) of the escapement goal for Karluk River Chinook salmon will be achieved.

Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length taken in the commercial salmon fishery, may not be retained and must be returned to the water unharmed. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sportfish closed fishing for Chinook salmon in the Karluk Lake drainage.

In an effort to conserve Karluk River Chinook salmon, in accordance with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Federal Subsistence Board, Chinook salmon in the Karluk River drainage may not be retained in the subsistence fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Effective at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2017, Chinook salmon in the Karluk River drainage, including the Karluk River lagoon, may not be retained in the subsistence fishery.

Chinook salmon escapement into the Karluk River system will continue to be monitored daily. Subsistence salmon fishing opportunities may be adjusted based on changes in the run strengths.

If the Karluk River Chinook salmon run sufficiently improves, the subsistence fishing restriction could be lifted to provide additional opportunity.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, under the direction of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, manages sport, commercial, personal use, and state subsistence harvest on all lands and waters throughout Alaska. However, the Federal Subsistence Board assures a subsistence priority for rural residents as provided by Title VIII of ANILCA.

Fishermen are reminded that they should consult both State of Alaska fishing regulations and the Federal Subsistence Management regulations for waters subject to ANILCA Title VIII before fishing.

This news release and fishery restriction has been a coordinated action of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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As Previously Announced:

Closed Water Adjustments

Until midnight July 31, 2017, subsistence closed waters will be reduced to the stream terminus at the ocean shoreline at Buskin River (stream 259-211) in the Northeast Kodiak District.

Until further notice closed waters will be **reduced** for subsistence fishing in the following locations:

- At Saltery Creek (stream #259-415) to the stream terminus
- At Ouzinkie Harbor to the stream terminus of stream #259-396; and
- In Anton Larsen Bay to the ADF&G subsistence markers located at 57°51.56' N lat.

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